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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

DOCKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
	CLASS	SUBCLASS		
7190-D20		[]	L. Tentoni	1732

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior Application Number 09/320,056, filed on May 26, 1999 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A COLORANT TO A THERMOPLASTIC TO PRODUCE A VISUAL EFFECT."

1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application number 09/320,056, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
CLAIMS	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	14 - 20 =	0	X \$18 =	\$0
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	[]	x \$84 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(c))			+ \$280=	0
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	+ 740.00
	Total of above Calculations =				740.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				[]
	TOTAL =				740.00

2. ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
☐ is enclosed.
☐ was filed in prior application number []/[] and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3425. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☐ A check in the amount of \$[] is enclosed.
5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

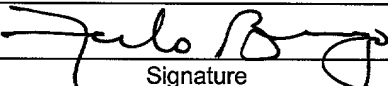
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6. ☒ The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is (are): JAMES BENNETT, STEVE WASSON, and GARY KOGOWSKI.
7. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. The Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:
8. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ division of application number 09/320,056, filed on May 26, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application number 08/975,020 filed on November 20, 1997, abandoned."
9. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
10. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____.
11. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
12. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to BASF Corporation.
13. ☒ Also enclosed: Postcard.
14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Karen M. Dellerman, Reg. No. 33,592; Anne G. Sabourin, Reg. No. 33,772; Mary E. Golota, Reg. No. 36,814; Fernando A. Borrego, Reg. No. 34,780; Brian Stegman, Reg. No. 30,977; Barbara V. Maurer, Reg. No. 31,278; David T. Banchik, Reg. No. 36,439; James J. Drake, Reg. No. 34,584; Mark A. Frentrop, Reg. No. 41,026; George A. Gilbert, Reg. No. 35,881; and Laura D. Nammo, Reg. No. 42,024.
a. ☒ The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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☐ Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). [_____]